

## Message Text

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FM USINT BAGHDAD  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3689  
AMEMBASSY KUWAIT  
INFO AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI  
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AMEMBASSY APRIS

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SUBJECT: EXIMBANK VISIT

REF: (A) STATE 217664 (NOTAL), (B) BAGHDAD 1296 (NOTAL)  
(C) KUWAIT 4715 (NOTAL)

1. FOR DEPARTMENT: WOULD APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION  
THAT IRAQI INTERESTS SECTION IN WASHINGTON HAS BEEN  
NOTIFIED OF EXIMBANK VISIT TO BAGHDAD  
AS RECOMMENDED REF B PARA TWO. EXPERIENCE TEACHES THAT  
EARLIEST POSSIBLE PARTICIPATION BY IRAQI  
INTERESTS SECTION IN PLANNING OF SUCH VISITS IS  
HELPFUL.

2. FLIGHT DATA: FLIGHT MORAN AND DUNTON PLAN TO  
TAKE FROM KUWAIT TO BAGHDAD ON MONDAY OCTOBER 25 IS  
KU 521 (ETD KUWAIT 1710 HOURS: ETA BAGHDAD 1820 HOURS).  
THIS IS ALSO U.S. COURIER FLIGHT. IF MORAN AND DUNCAN  
IDENTIFY SELVES TO COURIER AND TO USINT PARTY  
MEETING COURIER ON ARRIVAL BAGHDAD AIRPORT, THIS  
WILL FACILITATE THEIR HANDLING THROUGH FORMALITIES.  
SUGGEST AMEMBASSY KUWAIT RECONFIRM THEIR RESERVATIONS  
ASAP -- AS THIS FLIGHT IS OFTEN OVERBOOKED.  
ANTICIPATE NO DIFFICULTIES WITH RESERVATIONS  
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WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 27 ON AF 145 ETD BAGHDAD 1035

HOURS. ETA PARIS 1635 HOURS. USINT WILL RECONFIRM RESERVATIONS ONE WEEK BEFORE SCHEDULED DEPARTURE.

3. USINT CONTROL OFFICER IS COMMERCIAL ATTACHE T. PATRICK KILLOUGH, ASSISTED BY SENIOR FSL KHALID G. TALIA. TALIA WILL MEET EXIM DUE AT BAGHDAD AIRPORT AND ESCORT TO QUARTERS.

4. USINT HAS SO FAR BEEN UNABLE TO MAKE RESERVATIONS AT ANY HOTEL IN BAHDDAD. IF NOT HOTEL AVAILABLE BY TIME OF ARRIVAL, PAIR IS CORDIALLY INVITED LODGE WITH KILLOUGH (WHO HAS, HOWEVER, OUTSIDE SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT ON EVENING OF ARRIVAL).

5. USINT HAS INFORMALLY NOTIFIED BOTH RAFIDAIN BANK AND CENTRAL BANK OF EXIM VISIT. IT HAS NOT YET BEEN DECIDED WHICH BANK WILL SPONSOR EXIM VISIT BUT THIS WILL BE CLARIFIED BY OCTOBER 15 OR THEREABOUTS. MEANWHILE, USINT WILL OFFICCIALLY NOTIFY MFA ABOUT VISIT WITH COPIES OF NOTE TO BOTH BANKS. NORMAL IRAQI PROTOCOL FOR HANDLING FOREIGN BANKING OFFICIALS (WHETHER BANKS ARE PRIVATE OR GOVERNMENTAL) REQUIRES EITHER RAFIDAIN OR CENTRAL BANK TO "HOST" OR "SPONSOR" VISITING BANKERS AND TO ARRANGE ALL APPOINTMENTS. BOTH BANKS ARE GOI-OWNED AND CONTROLLED. RAFIDAIN IS THE PRINCIPAL BANK INVOLVED IN FOREIGN TRADE AND WILL PROBABLY BE DESIGNATED "SPONSOR" OF THE VISIT. USINT WILL SUGGEST TO DESIGNATED IRAQI BANK PERSONS FOR EXIM EXECS TO VISIT, BUT MECHANICS OF APPOINTMENTS MUST BE LEFT TO BANK. USINT WILL ADVISE THROUGH AMEMBASSY KUWAIT OF ANY APPOINTMENTS MADE PRIOR TO GROUP'S DEPARTURE FOR BAGHDAD. WILEY

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